

VERIFIED STATEMENT OF MATTHEW WARD

1. My name is Matthew Ward.
2. In March 2025, a radiologist diagnosed me with complicated black lung disease.
3. On April 25, 2025, I caused my Part 90 application (Form 0920-0020) to be filed by certified mail with the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, Coal Workers' Health Surveillance Program, 1000 Frederick Lane M/S LB208, Morgantown, WV 26508. Certified mail receipt is attached.
4. I have been employed as a coal miner for thirty-five years.
5. As of the filing of this Complaint, I have received no response to my Part 90 application from the CWHSP or NIOSH's Respiratory Health Division.
6. At the present time, I continue to be employed on a full-time basis at an underground coal mining complex in the State of West Virginia.
7. I am presently off work due a short-term injury, but expect to return to work at any time, daily encountering regular exposure to the hazards of occupational pneumoconiosis.
8. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on the 5th day of May, 2025.

Matthew Ward

